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November 12, 1992

Pete Sokolosky
Bureau of Land Management
Vernal District Office
170 South 500 East
Vernal, Utah 84078

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Dear Pete:

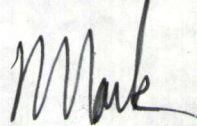
This letter confirms our telephone conversation of October 27th. Native Asphalt is the owner of certain patented and unpatented claims in Uintah County. Enclosed for your review is a portion of the sales agreement with Sohio that limits Native Asphalt liability for prior operations on the property to \$40,000 dollars.

I was surprised to learn from the BLM that Sohio left drillhole sites and roads unreclaimed. We were assured by Sohio prior to purchasing the property that they had reclaimed all but one reclamation site, which they completed in 1988.

You have asked us for a plan to reclaim the sites and to prevent further degradation. We are unable to furnish a plan until we have had a chance to review Sohio actions and make a field inspection to assess the problem and determine our actions. In order to alleviate BLM concerns for unnecessary and undue degradation until the Sohio disturbances are reclaimed, we suggest field inspection and reclamation activities begin next summer.

Should you have any additional questions, contact me at the above phone number.

Sincerely yours,



Mark F. Lindsey
Secretary

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